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Applicant : James Thomas  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of January 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. A petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fees are being filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected in the proposed corrected drawings attached hereto as Appendix A and in the new set of formal drawings attached hereto as Appendix B.